

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

On May 8, 1945, World War II allies, led by President Harry Truman,

accepted the historic, unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany; and

WHEREAS:

Upon hearing the news, more than one million Americans took to the

streets to celebrate the end of the war in Europe; and

WHEREAS:

Many Minnesotans paid the supreme sacrifice to defend the freedom and

liberty that Americans enjoy every day; and

WHEREAS:

It is appropriate and just to recognize this day in history, and to gratefully recognize all that was given and sacrificed by America's Veterans in order

to ensure that people throughout the world could also enjoy such

freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2012 as:

VICTORY IN EUROPE (V-E) DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8th day of May.

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie
SECRETARY OF STATE